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Hawaii Community Development Authority  
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**RE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - VA Clinic Development Permit Decision Making Hearing (Kalaeloa)**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the VA Clinic Development Permit Application.

My name is Monika Kauhi and I support the proposed VA clinic in Kalaeloa because as a local girl born and raised in West Oahu, I have grown with our community and learned much from my fellow natives, particularly my very own Ohana. As a granddaughter, daughter and younger sister to Veterans, I have witnessed the advantage and disadvantage of serving in the military. My grandfather served in the Navy. My father and brother served in the Army. My brother was the first graduating class at Youth Challenge in Kalaeloa. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the Army. He served three terms and was honorably discharged for his service overseas. At the young age of 19, he witnessed countless lives lost; those of his soldiers and friends. Being stationed away from home, he was not able to return home to Hawaii for the emotional support he desperately needed. Although, I was very young at the time, it is my strong opinion that there was a lack of resources for my brother. To this day, I witness the strength of his spirit despite the PTSD and sleep apnea he suffers from his service. My brother is now 40 years old. I have always looked up to my brother and we have a tight connection as do most local siblings do. If there were more clinics and resources to have helped him back then, I believe he would be healthier and have been able to provide a very stable home for his family. I fully support the proposed VA clinic because our Veterans need and deserve it.

There are over 87,000 Veterans on Oahu. The demand for specialty physical and mental health services continues to grow and the need for a new facility to supplement the care given at Tripler Army Medical Center is needed as soon as possible.

I respectfully ask that the HCDA Board approves the Development Permit Application for the VA clinic in Kalaeloa.

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Aloha,  My name is Craig Woodward and I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran, I have been receiving VA care since my separation from the military in 2018 and the quality care I receive has made a tremendous difference in my well being. I am thankful for the luxuries that the VA provides for myself and many other veterans but traveling from my home to tripler army medical center can sometimes be daunting due to traffic, So I can imagine the increase difficulty for the veterans who reside on the west side of the island. A new facility to supplement care would be very beneficial to many Veterans who deserve the upmost care. So I humbly ask that the permit for the VA clinic at Kalaeloa be approved in order to show many veterans in our beloved community that we care and are thankful for their sacrifice and service.  Sent from my iPhone